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ON US ACTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST

REF: MADRID 6352, PARA 16

FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF VERBATIM TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT AT OCTOBER 31 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING CONCERNING US ROLE IN RECENT MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT SPEAK FROM NOTES AND APPEARS TO HAVE MADE STATEMENT EXTEMPORANEOUSLY.

BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT.

AND NOW LASTLY, I ONLY WISH TO SAY THAT WE ARE ALL TO BE CONGRATULATED THAT THE CEASEFIRE WAS ACHIEVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND TO HOPE THAT A STABLE AND LASTING PEACE CAN BE ATTAINED AND ALSO TO REPEAT THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT OF THE US ATTITUDE TO PREVENT, AT ALL COST, THAT THE CONFLICT'S DECISION, BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SOVIET UNION. NATURALLY WE, AND IN THIS I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE THE COUNRTRY WITH FEWEST DOUBTS, SINCE AMONG OTHER REASONS WE HAVE NO CONFIDENTIAL

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA, WE DO NOT DESIRE IN ANY

WAY THAT THE WILL OF THE SOVIETS BE THE ONE WHICH PREVAILS. BUT, AT ANY RATE, WE VERY WELL UNDERSTAND THE US ATTITUDE OF IMPEDING THE IMPOSITION OF SOVIET WILL IN THIS CONFLICT AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU AS I SAID BEFORE, ABOUT THE CEASEFIRE, AND DESIRE AND PRAY THAT A LASTING PEACE MAY BE ATTAINED.

END OF TEXT OF STATEMENT. RIVERO

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